

Foreign trade with non-EU countries

August 2016

Istat presents preliminary data on Italy's foreign trade with non-EU countries in August 2016. The results of the survey on total foreign trade in August 2016 will be disseminated on coming 17 October.

In August 2016 exports to non-EU countries increased by 11.0% and imports increased by 5.2% compared with the same month of the previous year. The trade balance showed a surplus of 2,127 million euro (Table 1) compared with a 1,383 million euro surplus in the same month of 2015.

In August 2016, in seasonally-adjusted terms, exports increased by 0.9% and imports decreased by 2.5% compared with July 2016. Over the last three months, seasonally-adjusted data of outgoing flows were stationary and seasonally-adjusted data of incoming flows increased by a 2.5% in comparison with the previous three months.

In the period January-August 2016 exports to non-EU countries decreased by 3.3% and imports decreased by 7.7% compared with the same period of 2015. The trade balance registered a surplus of 23,488 million euro compared to the surplus of 19,487 million euro in the same period of 2015. Excluding energy, the trade balance presented a surplus of 40,007 million euro (Table 3) compared with a 41,235 million euro surplus in January-August 2015.

Table 1. Exports, imports and trade balance with non-EU countries – August 2016

	NON SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED				SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED		
	Millions of euros		Percentage changes		Millions of euros		Percentage changes
	Aug.2016	Jan.-Aug.16	<u>Aug.16</u> <u>Aug.15</u>	<u>Jan.Aug.16</u> <u>Jan.-Aug.15</u>	Aug.2016	<u>Aug.16</u> <u>Jul. 16</u>	<u>Jun.-Aug.16</u> <u>Mar.-May 16</u>
Exports	12,798	119,118	11.0	-3.3	15,345	0.9	0.0
Imports	10,671	95,630	5.2	-7.7	12,384	2.5	2.5
Trade balance	2,127	23,488			2,961		

Table 2. Exports, imports and trade balance with non-EU countries - August 2016

COUNTRIES	EXPORTS ^(b)			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of euros	
		Aug.16 Aug.15	Jan.Aug.16 Jan.-Aug.15		Aug.16 Aug.15	Jan.Aug.16 Jan.-Aug.15	Aug.2016	Jan.-Aug.16
European non-EU countries	10.8	6.2	-3.6	10.5	-4.1	-12.0	635	5,265
<i>Russian Fed.</i>	1.7	-7.7	-7.3	3.9	-35.6	-31.1	-150	-2,738
<i>Switzerland</i>	4.6	9.4	-2.5	2.9	20.5	-1.9	562	5,378
<i>Turkey</i>	2.4	2.1	-4.2	1.8	35.3	10.8	110	1,732
North Africa	3.2	-0.9	-6.6	3.1	-11.3	-16.4	4	1,312
Other African countries	1.4	-1.9	-19.8	2.1	1.4	-22.3	-56	-921
North America	9.6	18.0	-0.6	4.2	25.0	-2.9	1,726	16,100
<i>United States</i>	8.7	17.9	-0.6	3.8	24.9	-2.5	1,540	14,624
Central and South America	3.3	1.9	-11.7	2.6	8.7	-7.5	324	2,330
Middle Eastern countries	5.2	2.4	-8.3	4.1	9.5	-18.1	28	4,381
Other Asian countries	9.8	21.9	1.4	14.4	7.7	1.0	-984	-9,020
<i>China</i>	2.5	28.3	1.3	7.6	5.6	-1.5	-1,340	-11,441
<i>Japan</i>	1.3	24.3	8.4	0.8	27.9	34.3	176	1,186
<i>India</i>	0.8	10.3	-3.8	1.1	7.2	4.6	-7	-726
Oceania and other territories	1.8	17.9	8.9	0.5	15.3	-1.5	450	4,041
OPEC	5.4	-3.6	-10.9	4.9	16.7	-7.2	-296	1,625
MERCOSUR	1.4	-7.4	-22.1	1.3	-5.5	-0.7	20	-115
ASEAN	1.7	21.1	1.1	2.1	14.2	2.8	-118	-753
TOTAL	45.1	11.0	-3.3	41.5	5.2	-7.7	2,127	23,488

(a) Calculated on 2015 total foreign trade.

Table 3. Exports, imports and trade balance by Main Industrial Groupings – August 2016

MIGS	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Share (a)	Percentage Changes		Millions of euros	
		Aug.16 Aug.15	Jan.Aug.16 Jan.-Aug.15		Aug.16 Aug.15	Jan.Aug.16 Jan.-Aug.15	Aug.2016	Jan.-Aug.16
Consumer goods	13.5	9.0	0.9	11.6	16.6	-0.1	540	8,082
- <i>consumer durables</i>	3.1	-5.1	-4.9	1.4	9.1	-1.2	398	4,403
- <i>consumer non durables</i>	10.4	12.7	2.6	10.2	17.4	0.1	142	3,679
Capital goods	17.5	17.1	-2.2	7.1	23.4	6.3	3,082	28,153
Intermediate goods	11.9	11.9	-2.6	12.0	7.7	-4.9	580	3,772
Energy	2.1	-20.2	-39.3	10.7	-16.6	-27.4	-2,075	-16,520
Total (except energy)	42.9	12.9	-1.4	30.7	14.9	-0.5	4,203	40,007
TOTAL	45.1	11.0	-3.3	41.5	5.2	-7.7	2,127	23,488

(a) Calculated on 2015 total foreign trade.

For more detailed information please refer to the Italian version

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